

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A fitted sheet for a mattress comprising a rectangular panel of knit material having a central rectangular area extending from one end of said panel to the other end thereof, and side margins flanking said central area, said side margins being folded under said central area and joined thereto by seams extending transversely across each end of said central rectangular area,

wherein said rectangular panel of knit material has side edges that are not finished, and at the end of said sheet, said seams are sewn ~~directly~~ transversely over the ends of said unfinished edges, and

wherein said unfinished edge is rolled into a curled edge prior to being sewn flat.

7. (original) The sheet of claim 6, further characterized in that said rectangular panel of knit material is fabricated from a tube of knit material that has been slit and opened to form a rectangle with cut edges.

8. (original) The sheet of claim 7, further characterized in that said cut edge, in a finished sheet, is curled under into itself.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) A method of making a fitted sheet, comprising the steps of:

- i) cutting a predetermined length of a tube of knit fabric;
- ii) slitting said length of fabric along its length in a straight line from end to end;

- iii) arranging said fabric so that the slit edges of said fabric are folded over onto the main body of said fabric; and

- iv) sewing a seam across each end of the fabric, thereby to join the folded-over edges of the fabric to the main body thereof in a folded over state, wherein said slit edges are sewn to said main body in an unfinished state, wherein said slit edges are curled inwardly before being seamed to said main body of said fabric.

11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said slit edges are curled inwardly before being seamed to said main body of said fabric.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said seams are generally convexly arcuate.

14. (currently amended) A method of making a fitted sheet comprising the steps of:

- i) cutting a predetermined length of a tube of knit fabric;
- ii) slitting said tube of fabric along an edge thereof, from end to end;
- iii) cutting a shallow corner from each end of said tube of fabric, at the slit side thereof, from first points on the cut edge near the end, to second points on the end, near the folded-over mid-line of the slit tube of fabric, wherein the cut is a generally straight line;

iv) opening the fabric, and folding the side margins thereof inwardly so that at each corner thereof, the said first points are laid on top of the said second points; and

v) sewing a seam across the top and bottom ends of the fabric, to join the folded-over margins to the main body of the sheet.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said seam is sewn, the cut edge of said fabric is curled in, and sewn flat in the curled-in condition.

16-20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A fitted sheet for a mattress comprising a rectangular panel of knit material having a first end and a second end, wherein the rectangular panel of knit material includes:

a central rectangular area extending from the first end of the panel to the second end of the panel;

side margins flanking said central area, said side margins being folded under said central rectangular area; and

seams extending substantially entirely across each of the first and second ends of the panel, wherein the seams are sewn between ends of the side margins and the first and second ends of the panel,

wherein edges of the side margins that are not sewn to the central rectangular area are unfinished.

22. (new) The fitted sheet of claim 21, wherein the panel consists of two side margins.